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Amendments to the Claims:

1-37. (canceled)

38. (Previously presented) A composition useful as local drug delivery system comprising:

(a) a polymeric bone-cement component in the form of particles, and

(b) an anti-resorptive agent in the form of particles,

wherein the anti-resorptive agent's particle-size distribution is about the same or less than the polymeric bone-cement component's particle-size distribution.

39. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is a bisphosphonate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

40. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is pamidronate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

41. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is etidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

42. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is alendronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

43. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is zoledronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

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44. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is gallium fluoride.
45. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is a cholesterol-lowering agent.
46. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is an estrogen-bisphosphonate conjugate.
47. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the bone-cement is an acrylic bone-cement or a hydroxyapatite bone-cement.
48. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the bone-cement is polymethylmethacrylate and the anti-resorptive agent is pamidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
49. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the bone-cement is polymethylmethacrylate and the anti-resorptive agent is zoledronate, zoledronic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
50. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein 65 to about 70 percent of the particles have an average diameter of about 25 microns.
51. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein 30 to about 35 percent of the particles are about 13 to about 17 microns in diameter.

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52. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is present on the bone-cement's surface.

53. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 38, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is impregnated in the bone-cement.

54. (Previously presented) A composition comprising:

(a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and

(b) an anti-resorptive amount of an anti-resorptive agent

wherein the anti-resorptive agent is present in an amount that does not compromise the cement's chemical or mechanical properties but sufficient to prevent loosening of the bone cement from the living bone.

55. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the amount of the anti-resorptive agent is about 0.067 grams to about 6.67 grams per 40 grams of bone cement.

56. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the cement is an organic cement and the anti-resorptive agent is pamidronate in an amount from about 3% to 3.5% by weight of the composition.

57. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the amount of the anti-resorptive agent is about 0.67 micrograms to about 3.33 milligrams per 40 grams of bone-cement.

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58. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the amount of the anti-resorptive agent is about 1.34 micrograms to about 0.2 milligrams per 40 grams of bone-cement.
59. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is a bisphosphonate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
60. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is pamidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable sale or ester thereof.
61. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is etidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable sale or ester thereof.
62. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is alendronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable sale or ester thereof.
63. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is zoledronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
64. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is gallium fluoride.
65. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is a cholesterol-lowering agent.

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66. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is an estrogen-bisphosphonate conjugate.
67. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the bone-cement is an acrylic bone-cement or hydroxyapatite bone-cement.
68. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the bone-cement is polymethylmethacrylate and the anti-resorptive agent is pamidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
69. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54, wherein the bone-cement is polymethylmethacrylate and the anti-resorptive agent is zoledronate, zoledronic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
70. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 54, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is present in an amount that is not toxic to osteoblast while toxic to osteoclasts.
71. (Previously presented) A composition comprising:
- (a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and
 - (b) an anti-resorptive agent selected from the group consisting of a salt of a Group IIIA element, a cholesterol-lowering agent, a chemotherapeutic agent-bisphosphonate conjugate, and an estrogen bisphosphonate conjugate.

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72. (Previously presented) A composition comprising: (a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) a mixture comprising an acrylate monomer and a copolymer wherein the copolymer comprises (A) an acrylate or methylmethacrylate monomer and (B) an acrylonitrile, butadiene, styrene, vinyl chloride, vinylidene chloride, or vinyl acetate monomer; (2) an inorganic cement; and (3) a composite cement; and (b) an anti-resorptive amount of an anti-resorptive agent selected from the group consisting of a salt of a Group IIIA element; a cholesterol-lowering agent; an estrogen-bisphosphonate conjugate; and a bisphosphonate wherein the bisphosphonate is selected from the group consisting of pamidronate; alendronate; risedronate; ibandronate; zoledronate; olpadronate; icandronate; neridronate (6-amino-1-hydroxyexilidene-1, 1 bishphosphonate); dichloromethane bisphosphonic acid; 3-amino-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 6-amino-1-hydroxyhexane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 4-amino-1-hydroxybutane-1, 1-bisphosphonic acid; 2-(3-pyridyl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 2-(N-imidazolyl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 3-(N-pentyI-N-methylamino)-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; (N-pyrrolidino)-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; N-cycloheptylaminomethanebisphosphonic acid; S-(p-chlorophenyl) thiomethane-bisphosphonic acid; 4-amino-1-hydroxybutyliden-1, 1-bisphosphonic acid; (7-dihydro-1-pyrindine)methane bisphosphonic acid; (7-dihydro-1-pyrindine)hydroxymethane bisphosphonic acid; (6-dihydro-2-pyrindine)hydroxy-mehanebisphosphonic acid; 2-(6-pyrolopyridine)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof.
73. (Previously presented) A composition comprising: (a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an

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organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and (b) a bisphosphonate selected from the group consisting of olpadronate; icandronate; neridronate; 6-amino-1-hydroxyhexane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 2-(3-pyridyl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 2-(N-imidazolyl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 3-(N-pentyI-N-methylamino)-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 3-(N-pyrrollidino)-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 4-amino-1-hydroxybutylidene-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; (7-dihydro-1-pyrindine)methane bisphosphonic acid; (7-dihydro-1-pyrindine)hydroxymethane bisphosphonic acid; (6-dihydro-2-pyrindine)hydroxymethanebisphosphonic acid; 2-(6-pyrolopyridine)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof.

74. (Previously presented) A composition comprising: (a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and (b) a bisphosphonate selected from the group consisting of dichloromethane bisphosphonic acid; N-cycloheptylaminomethanebisphosphonic acid; and S-(p-chlorophenyl) thiomehtane-bisphosphonic acid; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof.
75. (Previously presented) A composition comprising: (a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) and organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and (b) a bisphosphonate selected from the group consisting of 1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 3-amino-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 4-amino-1-hydroxybutane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof.

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76. (Previously presented) A composition comprising: (a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and (b) a bisphosphonate selected from the group consisting of zoledronate, zoledronic acid, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof.

77. (New) A composition useful as local drug delivery system comprising:

(a) a polymeric bone-cement component in the form of particles, and

(b) an anti-resorptive agent in the form of particles,

wherein the anti-resorptive agent's particle-size distribution is about the same or less than the polymeric bone-cement component's particle-size distribution; and

wherein the amount of anti-resorptive agent does not weaken the bone-cement component or interfere with polymerization reaction of the bone-cement component.

78. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is a bisphosphonate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

79. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is pamidronate or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

80. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is etidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

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81. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is alendronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
82. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is zoledronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
83. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is gallium fluoride.
84. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is a cholesterol-lowering agent.
85. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is an estrogen-bisphosphonate conjugate.
86. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the bone-cement is an acrylic bone-cement or a hydroxyapatite bone-cement.
87. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the bone-cement is polymethylmethacrylate and the anti-resorptive agent is pamidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
88. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the bone-cement is polymethylmethacrylate and the anti-resorptive agent is zoledronate, zoledronic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
89. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein 65 to about 70 percent of the particles have an average diameter of about 25 microns.

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90. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein 30 to about 35 percent of the particles are about 13 to about 17 microns in diameter.
91. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is present on the bone-cement's surface.
92. (New) The composition of claim 77, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is impregnated in the bone-cement.
93. (New) A composition comprising:
- (a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and
 - (b) an anti-resorptive amount of an anti-resorptive agent,
- wherein the anti-resorptive agent is present in an amount that does not compromise the cement's chemical or mechanical properties but sufficient to prevent loosening of the bone cement from the living bone; and
- wherein the amount of anti-resorptive agent does not weaken the bone-cement component or interfere with polymerization reaction of the bone-cement component.
94. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the amount of the anti-resorptive agent is about 0.067 grams to about 6.67 grams per 40 grams of bone cement.
95. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the cement is an organic cement and the anti-resorptive agent is

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pamidronate in an amount from about 3% to 3.5% by weight of the composition.

96. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the amount of the anti-resorptive agent is about 0.67 micrograms to about 3.33 milligrams per 40 grams of bone-cement.
97. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the amount of the anti-resorptive agent is about 1.34 micrograms to about 0.2 milligrams per 40 grams of bone-cement.
98. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is a bisphosphonate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
99. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is pamidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
100. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is etidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
101. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is alendronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
102. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is zoledronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
103. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is gallium fluoride.

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104. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is a cholesterol-lowering agent.
105. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is an estrogen-bisphosphonate conjugate.
106. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the bone-cement is an acrylic bone-cement or hydroxyapatite bone-cement.
107. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the bone-cement is polymethylmethacrylate and the anti-resorptive agent is pamidronate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
108. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the bone-cement is polymethylmethacrylate and the anti-resorptive agent is zoledronate, zoledronic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
109. (New) The composition of claim 93, wherein the anti-resorptive agent is present in an amount that is not toxic to osteoblast while toxic to osteoclasts.
110. (New) A composition comprising:
 - (a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and
 - (b) an anti-resorptive agent selected from the group consisting of a salt of a Group IIIA element, a cholesterol-lowering agent, a chemotherapeutic agent-bisphosphonate conjugate, and an estrogen bisphosphonate conjugate,

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wherein the amount of anti-resorptive agent does not weaken the bone-cement component or interfere with polymerization reaction of the bone-cement component.

111. (New) A composition comprising:

(a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of
(1) a mixture comprising an acrylate monomer and a copolymer wherein the copolymer comprises (A) an acrylate or methylmethacrylate monomer and (B) an acrylonitrile, butadiene, styrene, vinyl chloride, vinylidene chloride, or vinyl acetate monomer; (2) an inorganic cement; and
(3) a composite cement; and

(b) an anti-resorptive amount of an anti-resorptive agent selected from the group consisting of a salt of a Group IIIA element; a cholesterol-lowering agent; an estrogen-bisphosphonate conjugate; and a bisphosphonate wherein the bisphosphonate is selected from the group consisting of pamidronate; alendronate; risedronate; ibandronate; zoledronate; olpadronate; icandronate; neridronate (6-amino-1-hydroxyexilidene-1, 1 bishphosphonate); dichloromethane bisphosphonic acid; 3-amino-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 6-amino-1-hydroxyhexane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 4-amino-1-hydroxybutane-1, 1-bisphosphonic acid; 2-(3-pyridyl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 2-(N-imidazolyl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 3-(N-pentyI-N-methylamino)-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 3-(N-pyrrolidino)-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; N-cycloheptylaminomethanebisphosphonic acid; S-(p-chlorophenyl) thiomethane-bisphosphonic acid; 4-amino-1-hydroxybutyliden-1, 1-bisphosphonic acid; (7-dihydro-1-pyrindine)methane bisphosphonic acid; (7-dihydro-1-

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pyrindine)hydroxymethane bisphosphonic acid; (6-dihydro-2-pyrindine)hydroxy-methanebisphosphonic acid; 2-(6-pyrollopyridine)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof, and

wherein the amount of anti-resorptive agent does not weaken the bone-cement component or interfere with polymerization reaction of the bone-cement component.

112. (New) A composition comprising:

(a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and

(b) a bisphosphonate selected from the group consisting of olpadronate; icandronate; neridronate; 6-amino-1-hydroxyhexane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 2-(3-pyridyl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 2-(N-imidazolyl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 3-(N-pentyI-N-methylamino)-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 3-(N-pyrrolidino)-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 4-amino-1-hydroxybutylidene-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; (7-dihydro-1-pyrindine)methane bisphosphonic acid; (7-dihydro-1-pyrindine)hydroxymethane bisphosphonic acid; (6-dihydro-2-pyrindine)hydroxy-methanebisphosphonic acid; 2-(6-pyrollopyridine)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof, and

wherein the amount of anti-resorptive agent does not weaken the bone-cement component or interfere with polymerization reaction of the bone-cement component.

113. (New) A composition comprising:

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(a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and

(b) a bisphosphonate selected from the group consisting of dichloromethane bisphosphonic acid; N-cycloheptylaminoethanebisphosphonic acid; and S-(p-chlorophenyl) thiomethane-bisphosphonic acid; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof, and

wherein the amount of anti-resorptive agent does not weaken the bone-cement component or interfere with polymerization reaction of the bone-cement component.

114. (New) A composition comprising:

(a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and

(b) a bisphosphonate selected from the group consisting of 1-hydroxyethane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 3-amino-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; 4-amino-1-hydroxybutane-1,1-bisphosphonic acid; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof, and

wherein the amount of anti-resorptive agent does not weaken the bone-cement component or interfere with polymerization reaction of the bone-cement component.

115. (New) A composition comprising:

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(a) a bone-cement selected from the group consisting of (1) an organic cement, (2) an inorganic cement, and (3) a composite cement; and

(b) a bisphosphonate selected from the group consisting of zoledronate, zoledronic acid, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof, and wherein the amount of anti-resorptive agent does not weaken the bone-cement component or interfere with polymerization reaction of the bone-cement component.

116. (New) The composition of claim 1 produced by the steps of: (a) mixing a polymer component with an anti-resorptive amount of an anti-resorptive agent to form a mixture; and (b) adding a liquid monomer component to the mixture.

117. (New) The composition of claim 77 produced by the steps of: (a) mixing a polymer component with an anti-resorptive amount of an anti-resorptive agent to form a mixture; and (b) adding a liquid monomer component to the mixture.

118. (New) A method for inhibiting growth of or killing residual tumor cells adjacent to the bone cement comprising contacting a spine, limb or bone which has undergone tumor resection with an effective amount of the composition of claim 1.

119. (New) A method for inhibiting growth of or killing residual tumor cells adjacent to the bone cement comprising contacting a spine, limb or bone which has undergone tumor resection with an effective amount of the composition of claim 54.

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120. (New) A method for inhibiting growth of or killing residual tumor cells adjacent to the bone cement comprising contacting a spine, limb or bone which has undergone tumor resection with an effective amount of the composition of claim 77.

121. (New) A method for inhibiting growth of or killing residual tumor cells adjacent to the bone cement comprising contacting a spine, limb or bone which has undergone tumor resection with an effective amount of the composition of claim 93.